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**Security Committee**  
COMPARTMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert W. Gambino  
Chairman, DCI Security Committee

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the DCI Security Committee  
Compartmentation Subcommittee

Per your memo, SECOM-D-647, 18 Sep 79, attached is the annual report of the DCI Security Committee Compartmentation Subcommittee for 1979.

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Compartmentation Subcommittee  
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE (DCI)

SECURITY COMMITTEE (SECOM)

COMPARTMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. The basic mission of the Compartmentation Subcommittee is to provide technical guidance and recommendations on Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) physical and administrative security matters. During this reporting period considerable time and effort was devoted to revising DCID 1/7, Control of Dissemination of Intelligence Information.

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Our revised DCID 1/7 is expected to be approved by the NFIB in early 1980.

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Other significant achievements of the Subcommittee included an extensive "zero based" review of all SCI access/billets held by Intelligence Community departments and agencies. This resulted in a needed "house cleaning" and reduction of existing authorizations.

1. Authority and Mission of the Compartmentation Subcommittee. The DCI SECOM Compartmentation Subcommittee was established pursuant to Attachment 3 (Compartmentation), DCID 1/11, Security Committee, effective 18 May 1976. Its basic mission is, through the DCI SECOM, to:

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a. Develop and recommend technical guidance for the establishment, maintenance and improvement of coordinated Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) systems.

b. Formulate, coordinate, maintain and promulgate technical guidance for use in the administration of SCI controls at all echelons of Intelligence Community organizations, both domestic and overseas, including consultants and contractor support activities to include: Access approval criteria and employment in hazardous duty areas; physical security; document identification, handling, accountability and destruction; and ADP and associated materials.

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c. Furnish technical guidance and assistance to the COMIREX and SIGINT Committees, and to the Executive Agents of other SCI programs in connection with their sanitization, downgrading, declassification and decontrol responsibilities.

d. Review and survey the security standards, practices and procedures used by Intelligence Community organizations and their contractors in relation to approved SCI policies, procedures and controls; and make recommendations for practical improvements.

e. Provide advice and guidance to foreign governments participating in US SCI activities.

f. Recommend security policies governing the release or disclosure of SCI to the public, foreign governments or international organizations in which the US participates.

2. ☐ Identification of Agency Providing Chairman and Staff. The Chairman (Colonel Herbert H. Kamm) and Executive Secretary (Mr Roger D. Smith) have been provided by the Department of the Air Force. Colonel Kamm replaced Colonel Russell T. Newman, USAF, in March 1979 and Mr Smith replaced Major Henry R. Koch, USAF, in February 1979. The Subcommittee has no other staff members, per se.

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3. ☐ Extent of Intelligence Community Participation. All Intelligence Community agencies and departments represented on the Subcommittee wholeheartedly supported its mission and were responsive in fulfilling their individual tasks. The Subcommittee currently consists of representatives from the following Intelligence Community agencies and departments:

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Central Intelligence Agency

Defense Intelligence Agency

National Security Agency

Department of State

Department of Energy

Department of the Army

Department of the Navy

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Department of the Air Force

Office of Space Systems, Department of the Air Force  
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NOTE: Membership on the Subcommittee by other agencies and departments represented on the DCI SECOM would be welcomed at any time.

4. ☐ Principal Activities. During 1979, the Compartmentation Subcommittee was involved in the following activities:

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a. ☐ Six meetings of the full Subcommittee were held during this reporting period. The policy of the Subcommittee Chairman is to hold meetings at the call of any member or whenever tasks are levied on the Subcommittee by the SECOM. This policy has been adopted in lieu of holding scheduled meetings each month. Several meetings were also held by Subcommittee Working Groups. In addition to these meetings, there has been a fair degree of information and coordination among members which was driven by their Subcommittee association.

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b. ☐ Throughout most of the reporting period, a considerable amount of time and effort was devoted to revising DCID 1/7, Control of Dissemination of Intelligence Information. The revision of DCID 1/7 had commenced in 1978 and involved amplifying and implementing portions of Executive Orders 12036 and 12065, providing tests for circumstances under which the control markings authorized by the DCID may be used.

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☐ simplifying and consolidating the language in the present DCID in the interest of brevity and understanding.

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(1) By April 1979, the revision was considered to be sufficiently complete to warrant SECOM consideration. However, several questions were raised on the matter at the SECOM level and the Chairman remanded the proposed DCID back to the Compartmentation Subcommittee for final resolution and coordination.

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(3) After several formal and informal meetings relative to these matters, all were resolved by November 1979 when another draft revision of the DCID was forwarded to the SECOM for consideration.

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d. [ ] In 1978, the Compartmentation Subcommittee was tasked to conduct a "zero based" review of all individual and/or billet positions currently authorized SCI access within each NFIB agency/department. This tasking resulted in considerable time and effort being expended by various Subcommittee members and staffs. While most reporting requirements were met by late April 1979, information from three NFIB elements was not received until the fall due to a misunderstanding in tasking.

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e. [ ] The Subcommittee discussed ways and means of implementing DCI SECOM guidance on the classification of various SCI caveats, codewords, and related matters. As a result of this discussion and with clarification received from SECOM Staff observers at Subcommittee meetings, a consensus was reached and definitive guidance provided on the matter.

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g. [ ] The DCI SECOM Chairman also tasked the Subcommittee to review a proposed Secrecy Agreement for comments and consideration as an acceptable and uniform model for Intelligence Community usage. A Subcommittee Working Group was designated in October 1979 to examine this matter and report findings to the Subcommittee.

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5. [ ] Major Accomplishments. The major accomplishments of the Compartmentation Subcommittee are basically as detailed in paragraph 4, above. The following are considered to be most significant.

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a. [ ] Revision of DCID 1/7 (see 4b above). The revision prepared by the Subcommittee was approved by the DCI SECOM and forwarded for DCI and NFIB consideration.

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c. [ ] "Zero-Based" Review (see 4d above). The zero-based review of all SCI accesses within the Intelligence Community was significant in effecting a needed "house cleaning" and reduction of existing SCI billet/access authorizations.

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6. [ ] Highlights of Work in Progress. As noted above, the Compartmentation Subcommittee is currently reviewing a proposed Secrecy Agreement sent to it by the DCI SECOM for comment. The preliminary finding of our Working Group is that the Form 4066 is unsuitable for use by the full Intelligence Community. The Working Group has developed several minimum factors for incorporation into any such Secrecy Agreement.

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7. [ ] General Work Plan for 1980. In addition to matters already discussed above, the Compartmentation Subcommittee will be engaged in the following matters during 1980:

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b. Assist, as required, in the development/implementation of the possible APEX Security Control System.

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c. Conduct a review of the current DCID 1/19, "Uniform Procedures for Administrative Handling and Accountability of Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI)."

d. Perform other duties as tasked by the Chairman, SECOM.

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